# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:276
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2001
REJECTION OF INDIAN WHEAT BY IRAQ
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Iraq has once again refused to accept six lakh tonnes of the Indian wheat recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the other items exported from India, which have been rejected by Iraq during the last three years;

(d) whether it has affected the credibility of the country at the international level; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in the matter alongwith full details in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI SHANTA KUMAR )

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.276 FOR ANSWER ON 07-12-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): No allocation of wheat has been made by the Food Corporation of India after June, 2001 for the purpose of export to Iraq.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): There is no such information. However, the exports to Iraq are on the increase as shown below:-

| | 1998-99 | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 |
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| Exports(US$Mn) | 35.39 | 52.51 | 83.54 |

(d)&(e): The export of wheat to other countries is continuing. The Food Corporation ofIndia has been asked to ensure that no wheat consignment is sent to Iraq unless the wheat is cleaned to meet the requirements of the Grain Board of Iraq.